

Highways 1 and 17 Widening for Merge Lanes
Project Status Report
November 2004

- Right of Way Utility Relocations are on the critical path to completing the design phase of this project. Right of Way work is scheduled for completion by June 2005. Four parcels still require easement acquisitions, and we are working with SBC and PG&E on negotiating utility relocations. The original target date for completing r/w was March 2005, but because r/w funding was cut on STIP projects statewide last September (9/04) then restored in November (11/04), r/w work was delayed. This will delay the overall project to construction schedule moving the original August 2005 construction start out to November 2005. This should not be a factor in getting the project to construction at the earliest possible opportunity if the project were to be funded using a standard STIP allocation. The original August 2005 construction start date would require a STIP allocation this fiscal year - these funds are not available. The next opportunity for a STIP allocation is next fiscal year (July 2005) at which time the project could be advertised for construction and match the November 2005 project schedule construction start date.
- Design is finalizing project plans and specifications. Cost estimates are being verified. Caltrans will be meeting with the City to address comments received on the project plans. Issues like additional City Police enforcement, detours, and pedestrian/bicycle access during construction will be discussed.
- Sidewalks are planned for the Branciforte Overcrossing and Emeline Undercrossing. No sidewalks are planned for the Market Undercrossing. There are no sidewalks currently on Market St. This bridge is being widened, not replaced. Standard sidewalks cannot be added to the existing city street pavement width because the cross section is limited by the bridge abutment width.